

Subject: 2020 Drug Free Schools and Campuses Act Annual Notification
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Greetings TTUHSC Team Members and Students,

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) is committed to keeping your health and safety a top priority. Alcohol and drug use disorders remain a significant problem in the United States, and TTUHSC continues to strongly promote an environment that discourages the inappropriate or illegal use of alcohol and other drugs.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reported the following results from the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health:

- Alcohol is the most frequently used and misused substance in the United States, and it can have devastating consequences. In those age 12 or older:
 - About 139.8 million used alcohol in the past month.
 - An estimated 14.8 million people, or 1 in 9, had an alcohol use disorder.
 - 67.1 million were binge drinkers in the past month.
 - 16.6 million were heavy drinkers in the past month.
- Drug use disorder is another significant problem in the United States for those age 12 or older.
 - There are about 53.2 million people who used illicit drugs in the past year.
 - An estimated 8.1 million people, 3% of the population, had at least one illicit drug use disorder.

Substance use disorders not only disrupt the workplace but also endanger the lives of those on our campuses. The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 requires that faculty, staff, and students be informed of the TTUHSC program designed to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs.

[HSC OP 10.03, Alcohol and Illegal Drugs](#) policy prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs on TTUHSC property or as a part of any officially sponsored TTUHSC activities.

[TTUHSC Student, Faculty, Resident and Staff Guidelines](#) outlines the university's:

- Standards of conduct prohibiting the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.
- Local, state, and federal laws and sanctions related to illicit drugs and alcohol. The health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and alcohol.
- Any drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, or other programs available to students and employees.
- Disciplinary sanctions on faculty, staff, and students for violations of drug and alcohol standards of conduct.

All TTUHSC faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to review the information presented in [these guidelines](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the [Institutional Compliance Office](#), [TTUHSC Student Affairs](#), your campus [GME Office](#), or your campus [Human Resources Director](#).

Thank you for your commitment to support an environment that is free from illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol.



Sincerely,

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PRESIDENT

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